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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: William Bellis SOMERS, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/551,445  
Filed: April 18, 2000  
For: **FOLDING CYLINDER WITH EXPANSION  
SEGMENT**  
  
Examiner: Sameh H. TAWFIK  
Art Unit: 3721

**STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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I, William C. Gehris, hereby declare that the papers comprising the April 11, 2002 showing are in fact copies of the previously filed reply to the Office letter dated August 8, 2001. The papers include a copy of the stamped return receipt postcard, a copy of the response to the restriction requirement, and a copy of the PTO-1083 Form, all submitted to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents on September 5, 2001.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity or enforceability of the patent application or any patent issued therefrom.

Respectfully Submitted,

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